

Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church

New Albany, Indiana



Words from the Pastor

There is nothing more joyful than celebrating a dream becoming reality. The open house for the lower-level community center was one of those moments for our church. So much work has gone into the renovations and development of a new venture with non-profit organizations that are serving our community. We were thrilled to have so many representatives from the New Albany city council along with volunteers from both Use it Again and Let Us Learn. It was a wonderful time to get acquainted and celebrate this special day.

When we enter into partnerships with others seeking to serve others, we are bearing witness to God's vision for a kingdom where all are welcome and no one goes without. That is an important part of the mission of MTPC. I am excited to see our congregation living into the goals we established for 2024 at Visioning Day last March.

They are:

1. **Increase our community connection**- face to face.
2. **Increase our mission connection** – more hands on.
3. **Develop our Educational Ministry.**

We have made strides toward all of these goals this year and look forward to the coming activities that will continue to take us toward them.

We have also updated our mission statement and committed to getting out beyond our walls. You will see it showing up on our resources, in our publicity, and even on t-shirts! If you were with us on September 28, you may have received a shirt. Thanks to Joyce Spurgeon who took our new church logo and our mission statement and had great looking shirts printed. We will be wearing them throughout the year when we have special activities, like the Craft Fair coming up in November.

Enjoy the articles and pictures of past and coming events and give thanks to God for MTPC and the work God is doing with us and with our community!

Love and peace,

Rev. Sue



Services every Sunday morning at 10:00

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Paul Todd (2024) chair, Building and Grounds

Ellie Brown- (2026)- liaison, Fellowship Committee

Margo Davis chair, Fellowship

Gavin Spalding; Youth Elder

The Great Ends of the Church



A Sermon Series

One of the treasures of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is the great ends of the church; six statements that express the mission of the denomination as we seek to be faithful to the gospel. Rev. Sue created the banners, pictured above, for the Community Room on the lower level. **Beginning October 13**, each Sunday worship service will be created around one of the banners. Come enjoy the visual, verbal and musical expressions of our faith through these beautiful expressions of what we believe. The six great ends are:

- 1. The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind**
- 2. The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God**
- 3. The maintenance of divine worship**
- 4. The preservation of the truth**
- 5. The promotion of social righteousness**
- 6. The exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world**

Send your offering or make a donation to one of our ministries online by using the QR code to the left. Hover your camera over the code, then click on the eservice link on your screen.



CHECK IT OUT!!

Our website is up and running with all the latest news from MTPC!
Just Search:
taborchurch.org.

Look Ahead

November 9- Mt. Tabor
Holiday Craft Fair

No Senior Lunch in the
month of October

Upcoming Events

October 1 – 7 p.m. -
Building & Grounds Com.

October 2 – Wednesday
Wonderings – 11:30 a.m.

October 6 –World
Communion Sunday & Peace
and Global Witness Offering

October 6– Blessing of the
Animals-2 – 4 p.m.

October 8 - Session
Meeting– 6:30 p.m

October 9– Wednesday
Wonderings – 11:30 a.m.

October 13- The Great Ends
of the Church series begins

October 15 – Faith
Formation Committee–
6:30 p.m

October 16– Wednesday
Wonderings– 11:30 a.m.

October 17- Crafters Night-
6:30 p.m.

October 20 – The Great
Ends of the Church series #2

7:00 p.m. – Community
Concert at St. John
Presbyterian Church

October 23– Wednesday
Wonderings– 11:30 a.m.

October 27 – The Great
Ends of the Church series #3

October 30 - Wednesday
Wondering-11:30 a.m.



Beloved Hymns of the Church

A Southern Indiana Congregations Combined Choir Concert

Come and enjoy an evening of beautiful hymns presented by a combined choir of the New Albany, Jeffersonville community under the direction of Dr. Charles Mitchell, choral director of St. John Presbyterian Church. Several members of our choir, including Rev. Sue, will be singing with the ensemble. Come and enjoy! Sunday, October 20, 7 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1307 E Elm St, New Albany.



Bring a lunch and join Rev. Sue for a weekly Wednesday conversation. We will enjoy **lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a one-hour discussion** of books and topics that interest you. Books can be fiction, non-fiction, spirituality, Bible Study, and more. Topics can include things like grieving well, does prayer change things, and more.

Grand Opening!!

On Sunday, September 29th we celebrated the "grand opening" of the Mount Tabor Church Community Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house. It was well attended, including by 4 people from City Council, supporters of our new community partners, and WLKY News which aired it twice. Many people supporting Use it Again and Let Us Learn expressed much gratitude to Mt. Tabor for letting them use our new space. The Foundation Committee would like to thank all who helped with this event and for the congregation's support and vision in achieving this milestone. Let's continue to celebrate and spread the word that the Community Room is available to rent for events!



This shows the 4 representatives from City Council, plus our contractor on far left and 2 community partners (Use it Again + Let Us Learn).

Rev. Sue doing the ribbon cut with assistance from our 2 community partners (the guy is Josh Rose - founder of Use it Again and the woman is Gina Brown - founder of Let Us Learn).



We need a Volunteer Volunteer!

What is a volunteer volunteer? A better title would be recruitment volunteer. We need one or more people who have some time available to contact people to fill volunteer opportunities.

We need people to help count the offering after worship on Sunday. We need greeters before worship. We need people to help create and/or run the PowerPoint during worship. We need Scripture readers and Communion servers. We need helpers with mission projects and more.

If you would like to help contact potential volunteers, please contact Rev. Sue.



Baptism of Vivian Patricia Merten

On Sunday, September 27 Mt. Tabor welcomed a new member into our church through Holy Baptism. Vivian is the daughter of Brianne and John Merten and she was presented for baptism by her parents. Tom and LaVonne McCarty were sponsors. The parents were given flowers by Lavonne McCarty, a Winnie the Pooh blanket crocheted by Mabel Bond, and a heart pillow crocheted by Amy Crosser to commemorate the special day. The congregation agreed to help Vivian as she learns and grows in her faith in Christ. There was a reception after church with cake to welcome our newest member!



Updates from Session

At the last session meeting on Tuesday, September 10 the following items were highlighted:

- Discussed the details of the upcoming baptism of Vivian Merten
- Elise Klink reported on activities of the Mission committee that included the upcoming annual mission projects such as food baskets for the holidays, and the Blessing of the Animals event
- Working on an operating manual that identifies the roles of the committees



Photographers Wanted

The Fellowship Committee is working on putting together a new church directory. They are looking for any members or friends who are hobby photographers that would be willing to take pictures of members for free. If you or you know of someone contact Margo Davis.



October 6 we will collect the
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for
your participation in the
Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



WAYS TO GIVE



Through your
congregation



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credit card online at
pcusa.org/peace-global



Text PCUSAPEACE
to 41444
or scan this QR code
for more information.



Bring your canine, feline, and more to our Blessing of the Animals



2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Outside under the Portico at MTPC

Open to the public

There is a special love between a pet and their owner and it is a gift from God. St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all God's creatures, was known for blessing animals and in honor of that tradition we are going to have a "Blessing of the Animals" on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 2-4 p.m. Friends and neighbors are encouraged to bring their personal or family pets to share God's blessing with them. Rev. Sue and friends will bestow a blessing on your pet. Special treats will be provided by students from New Albany High School.

Important guidelines to keep in mind:

All dogs must be on leashes and other pets (cats, rabbits, reptiles, etc.) must be in carriers.

If your pet does not like large groups of people, show your pet some consideration and keep it home.

Remember to pick up after your dog just as you would at any other time.

Children without pets may feel left out – they are encouraged to bring stuffed animals to be blessed!

Tell your friends and family and make it an extra special day for you and your pet!

Pumpkin/Apple Bake Off and Luncheon

On Sunday, September 29, there was a Pumpkin Apple Bake Off and Luncheon after the church Service. The fellowship committee planned a fun event that included food, fellowship, contests, and pumpkin painting. The luncheon included sloppy joes, macaroni cheese, baked beans, and potato salad. Church members got to sample all the pumpkin and apple creations and vote on their favorites. Lavonne McCarty won with her pumpkin dessert. Cathy Jancosek won with her apple dumplings. After eating members got to decorate their own pumpkins. Mabel Bond the pumpkin decorating contest.



Craft Fair



Where:

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church

918 Mt Tabor road

New Albany, in 47150

When: November 9, 2024

from 9am to 2pm



**Light lunch will be provided to
purchase**

Handmade crafts and gifts

Homemade baked goods

